

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 24 and ending at page 15, line 3, as follows.

--Referring to Figure 4, the oil applying unit 40 in the fixing device 39 will be described in detail. The oil applying unit 40, as described hereinbefore, includes the oil heater mounting metal plate 40a ~~40s~~, the oil heater 40b, the oil application roller 40d, the oil pan 40e and two thermistors 40c-1, 40c-2 for oil temperature monitoring.--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 7 and ending at line 20, as follows.

--Each of the thermistors 39e, 39f, 40c-1, 40c-2 are pulled up by a resistance R to detect the change in the resistance value in accordance with the temperature as a change of the voltage. The temperature data converted to the voltage is sent ~~via 45j~~ to an A/D103 and is processed by the system controller 71, and simultaneously, is compared with the predetermined voltage, and the result of comparison is fed to the system controller 71. When the detected temperature by each of the thermistors, exceeds a predetermined temperature (largely different from the target temperature), it is discriminated that some abnormality occurred in the thermister, and the event is transmitted to the system controller 71.--